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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : HSCA Hearings and Subpoena Issue

1. I spoke with Mr. Blakey this afternoon and got his agreement on nothing of substance.

2. I asked him about the postponement of the 15 September hearings, explaining some of the problems that we have. He said that the schedule is built around commitments to other people, a number of whom are from abroad, and that it is simply impossible to change the time.

3. I told Blakey that we had a number of problems about telling the Committee in adequate terms the [redacted] story. I reminded him that we had asked for executive session and probably would be doing so again. Without any real discussion he thought it could not be arranged.

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4. Blakey said that consideration had been given to the letter from the Director about the outstanding problems, referring to the subpoena issue. He said he had no particular problem with the "files," but that from what he saw of the "study" it was his impression that he should review it all. I replied that I could not imagine what it would tell him or what use he could make of it, but then obviously our views and understanding of the matter were different. From this exchange I gather that the [redacted] is the one issue on which they will insist (this also serves to finesse any embarrassment they may have over issuing a subpoena for things they have already seen).

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5. Blakey felt that the matter should be discussed next week and expressed the opinion that it would be at the level of the Chairman and the Director.

6. I asked some questions about the logistics of the 15 September hearings, which posed no problems.



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